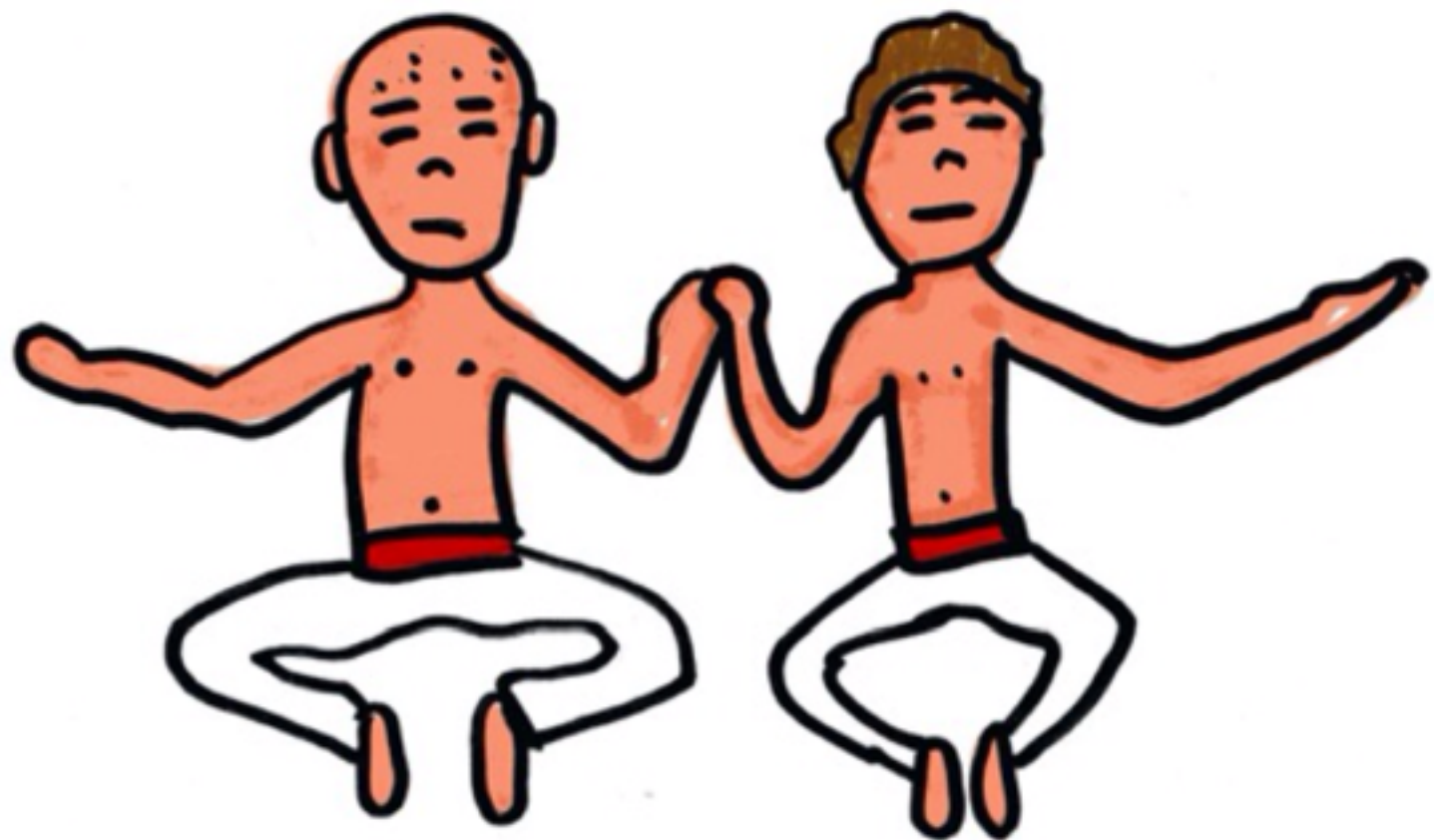


Siddhartha

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The Son of the Brahman



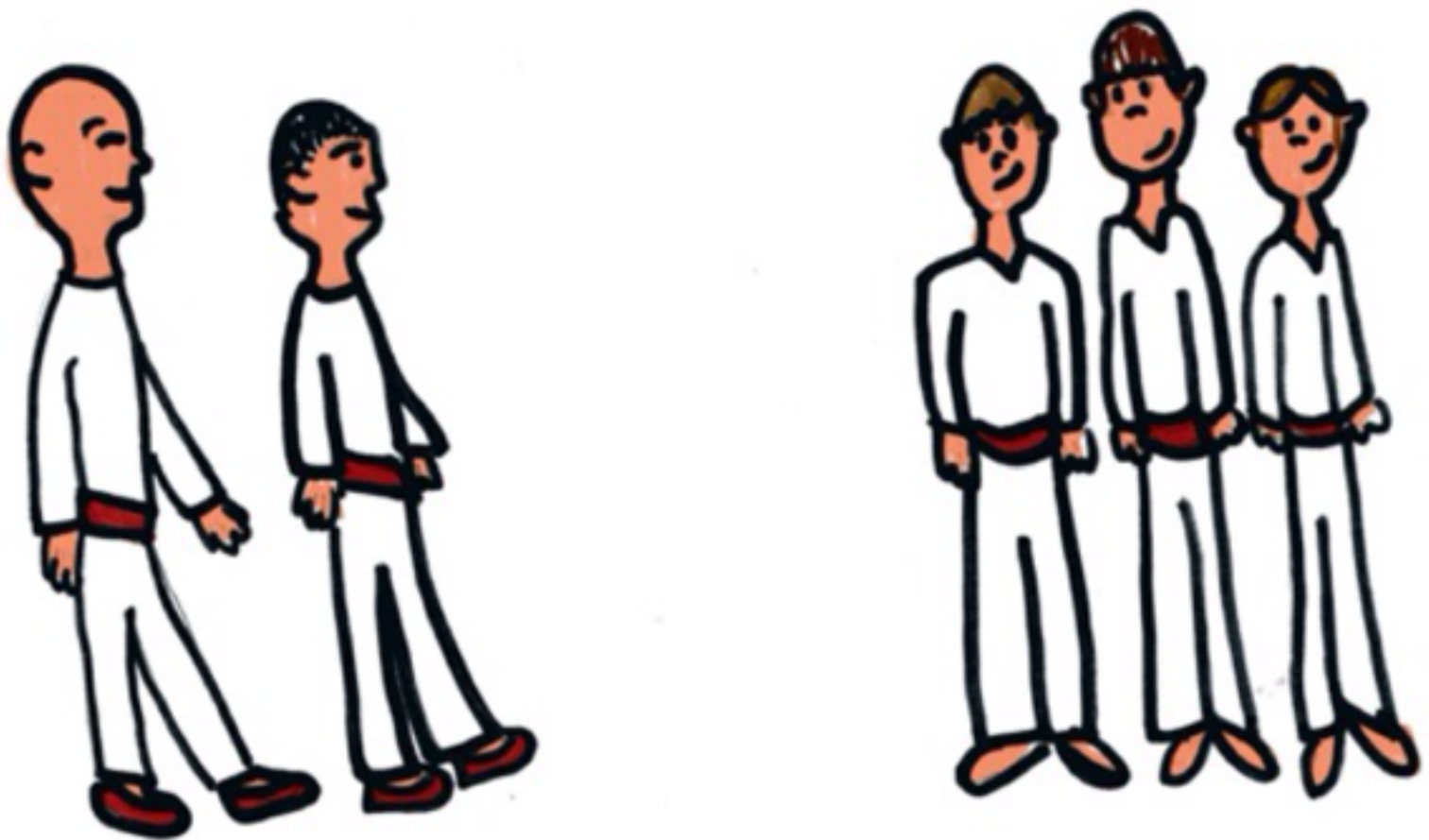
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This chapter is about Siddhartha son of a Brahman. He was the very handsome boy that practiced how to be a good Brahman with his best friend Govinda. Siddhartha touched the hearts of the Brahman's daughters, but more than all the others he was loved by Govinda his friend. Both didn't want to become one of those thousands of Brahmans, Siddhartha was meant to be a God and Govinda wanted to be his shadow. He meditated and they made an invocation (ask for something to gods) to Gods who were excellent. But he questioned himself "did the sacrifices give a happy fortune?". He had questions to himself "who really create the universe, me and you, subject to time, mortal?".

All of the celebrations to the Gods had no sense. Siddhartha and Govinda practiced meditation to find the answers to all their questions. Siddhartha was afraid of telling his father that he didn't want to be a Brahman like him. When Siddhartha told his father that he didn't want to be a Brahman like him, his father felt really disappointed in his son. Siddhartha spent a lot of time standing, watching through the window in one singular spot. His father started to worry that his son would probably die after a time, because he didn't eat, drink and sleep. His father the Brahman told him that he was free to go

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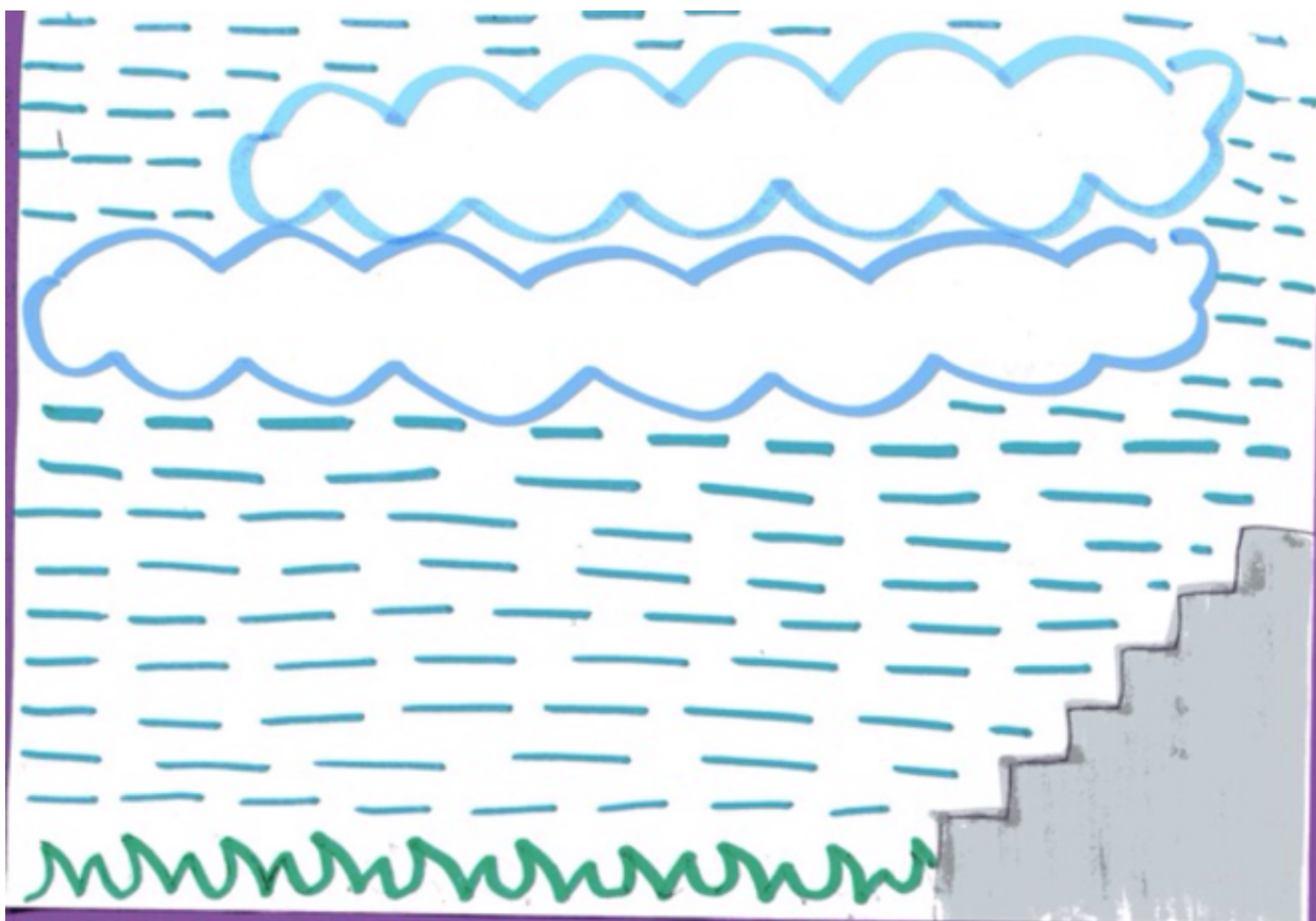
With the Samanas



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Siddhartha goes with Govinda and the Samanas, which are ascetics, try to find nirvana. Siddhartha fasts, doesn't eat, and doesn't drink until he reaches nirvana. But he never does because while he tries to reach selflessness it always goes back to him self. He wonders if doing this will ever achieve anything. Siddhartha starts to think very negatively. Govinda tells him not to think so bad, but Siddhartha insists.

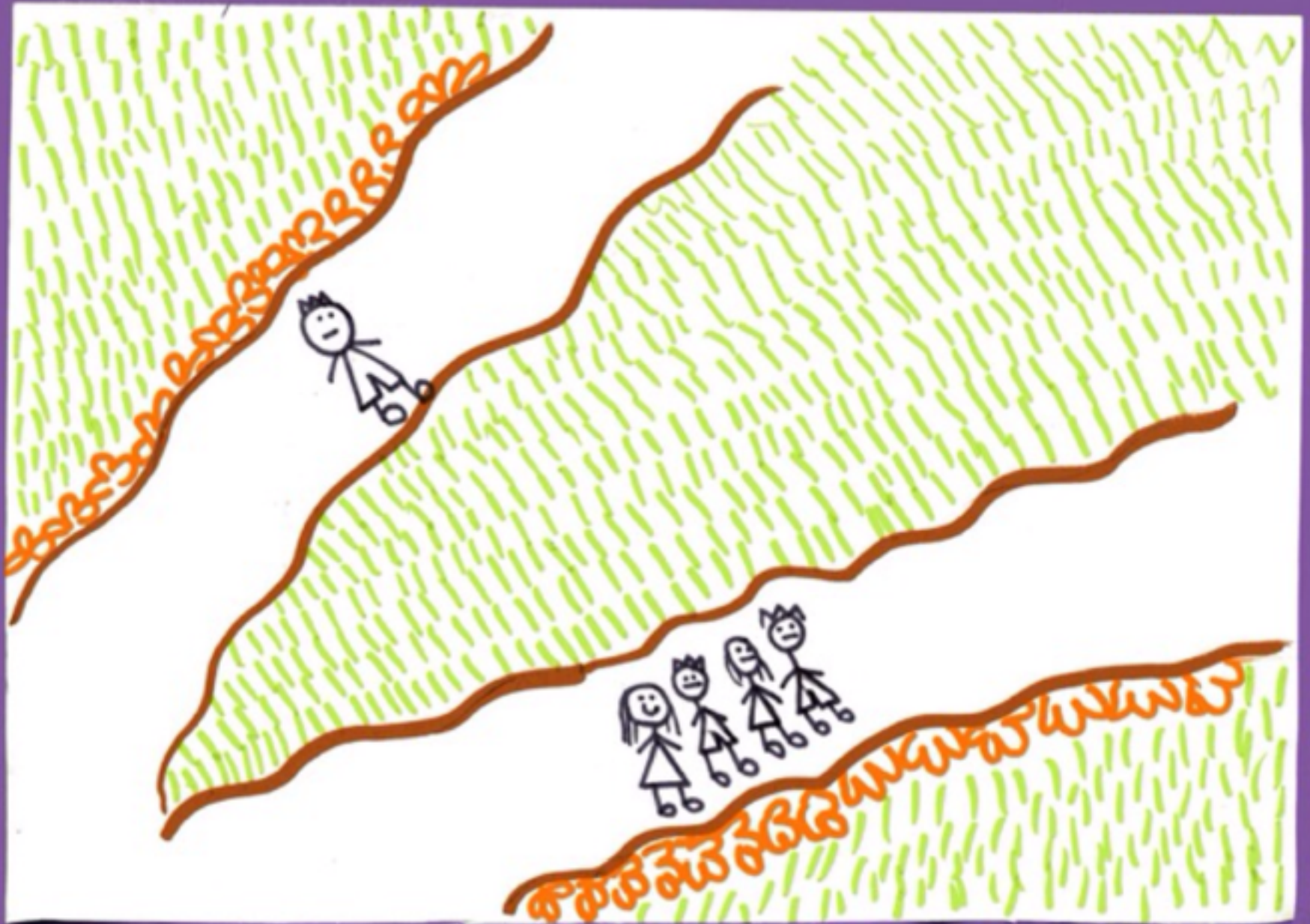
Siddhartha and Govinda lived with almost 3 years with the Samanas. They had learned a lot of someone named Gotama Buddha who had reached already enlightenment. Govinda wanted to listen to all the things this Buddha said and taught. Siddhartha and Govinda discussed for while and then decided to leave the Samanas. This old man gets a little mad but Siddhartha stopped him by hypnotizing him. They learned a lot from the Samanas, specially Siddhartha but Govinda is sure that Siddhartha could had learned a lot more if they stood with the Samanas



Gotama

"This is what I have thought and realized when I have heard the teachings. This is why I am continuing my travels-not to seek other, better teachings, for there I there are none, but to depart from all teachings and all teachers and to reach my goal by myself or to die. But often, I'll think of this day, of exalted one, and of this hour, when my eyes beheld a holy man".

Govinda and Siddhartha reached the town of Savathi looking for Gotama. They found the Buddha in the garden of Anathapindika. They heard the community's teachings and Govinda was accepted to the community. Siddhartha then told Govinda to follow the path to salvation. While leaving, Siddhartha found Gotama shared his thoughts. He tells him that there is a small gap in the world that is breaking and becoming void. Then, Gotama tells him to think about this and seek for knowledge. Siddhartha then realizes that nobody can teach him how to reach enlightenment, he has to reach it for himself.



awakening

"That I know nothing about myself, that Siddhartha has remained thus alien and unknown to me, stems from one cause, a single cause: I was afraid of myself, I was fleeing from myself! I searched Atman, I searched Brahman, I was willing to dissect myself and peel off all of its layers, to find the core for all peels in its unknown interior, the Atman, life, the divine part, the ultimate part. But I have lost myself in the process."

Siddhartha leaves Jetavana and Govinda in the community. While walking away, Siddhartha realizes that he is feeling alone. He realizes that all this time has been trying to be something he is not. So he starts over again to a new direction.



Kamala :

In the previous chapters Siddhartha tried to discover what was beyond the visible, but he was always thinking and not seeing what was in front of him. Now he was being more present. He started to hear a voice that he had to obey. Siddhartha had a dream in which his friend Govinda appeared and transformed into a woman. He drank her milk, which tasted as all the things in the world. The ferryman who gave him a place to rest for the night, took Siddhartha to the other side of the river and asked for no payment because he knew he would come back. He walked and entered a village where a lot of children were running around. There he found a woman whom he felt attracted to her but his inner voice rejected her and so he decided to follow his path. He reached a beautiful city where he found a mistress that was being carried in an ornamented chair. That was Kamala the woman he met the next day. He cut his hair, shaved his beard, and took a shower only to impress her. But she didn't accept him because of the absence of nice clothes, nice shoes and money. He went back to the city feeling proud of himself because he could receive a kiss from Kamala and realized he will never be the same. Kamala found a way to make Siddhartha the servant of a rich merchant, Kamaswami. He knew that knowing how to think, wait and fast will always help him reach his goal.



With the Childlike People

Siddhartha entered Kamaswami's house. He was a very wealthy merchant who had passion for his work. Kamaswami gave him a piece of paper to prove that he could read and write. He gave Siddhartha shoes, clothes and a meal twice a day, but he only ate once. The merchant taught him about trade and calculation. Siddhartha spoke little and was always concentrated on what the merchant said. Now that Siddhartha had shoes, clothes, money and gifts for Kamala they both became friends and lovers. Siddhartha soon became a very important person for Kamaswami, in every important decision he asked for Siddhartha's opinion. The merchant soon noticed that Siddhartha was very successful in the business, but had no passion for it, so he received the advice of his friend of giving him a third of the business. Like this, Siddhartha would share losses and profits. He felt different; he didn't feel complete, because deep inside he was still a Samana. He would learn from people, give advice, listen and make gifts, but he felt his inner voice he once had heard was disappearing. He discovered that Kamala and him were very alike and they both had inner peace. People who were smart didn't have it, but people who weren't, had it. He started to think again as a Samana, analyzing. Kamala told Siddhartha that he had been a good student, but they both realized they could not fall in love with anyone.



Samsara

Sidhartha became a wealthy and ambitious man. He became miserable because he felt like he was on the wrong path to enlightenment. On the other side, he was happy with his relationship with Kamala. He had a dream about Kamala's bird dying, this made him realize that he was dying inside.

He started feeling depressed and did not know what to do. He ran away. Kamala found out that she was pregnant. She locked herself in a castle, she felt uneasy. After she realized Sidhartha has not coming back, she left her bird free and felt proud about her baby.



By the River

Sidharta went to the river because he thought he was not doing well in his life and wanted to end his life. After that he fell asleep and woke up with the sound of a familiar voice. Then he realized it was Govinda, but Govinda did not recognize him at all. Govinda asked what had happened and why he fell asleep in such a dangerous place.

Later they recognized each other. They talked about pilgrimage. After chatting Govinda has to continue his path.





The Ferryman

The Ferryman

"By this river I want to stay, thought Siddhartha, it is the same which I have crossed a long time ago on my way to the childlike people, a friendly ferryman had guided me then, he is the one I want to go, starting out from his hut, my path had led me at that time into a new life."

Siddhartha decides to live by the river with the Ferryman Vasudeva, whom he had met before. Vasudeva teaches Siddhartha how to listen to the river. Siddhartha learns a lot of things that the river thought him and lives his life like a ferryman.

Kamala and his son went to the river in the ferry near the hut of Vasudeva because of a pilgrimage. That is when Siddhartha meets his son which he never met before. Kamala suddenly gets bitten by a snake, tells Siddhartha that he should take care of the child and dies. Because of that, Siddhartha starts taking care of their son, but, there is no love or care from the kid to Siddhartha even that he loves him.



The Son

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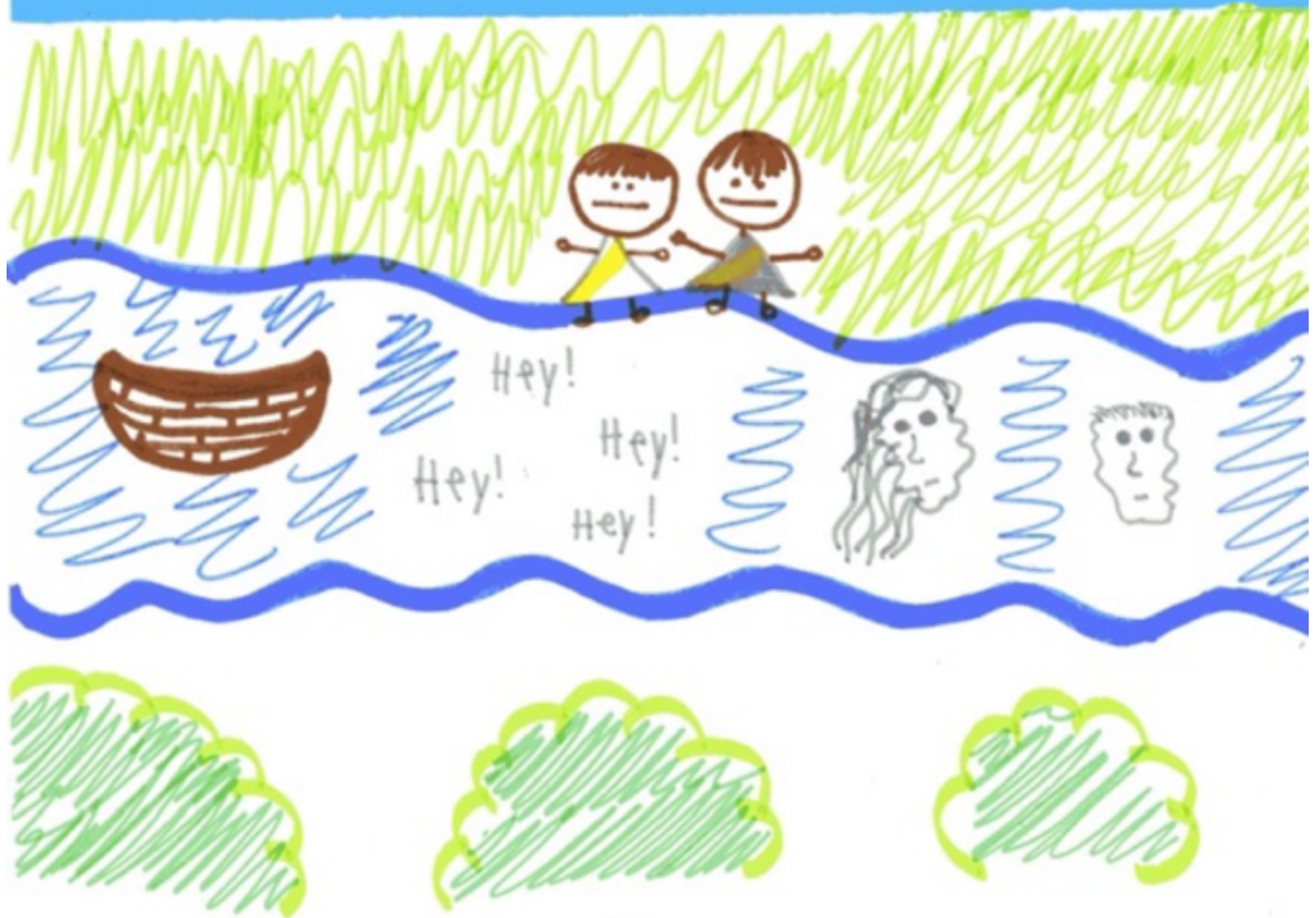
"Timid and weeping, the boy had attended his mother's funeral; gloomy and shy, he had listened to Siddhartha, who greeted him as his son and welcomed him at his place in Vasudeva's hut."

When Kamala gets bitten by a snake and dies, Siddhartha takes care of their son. The little boy is used to a life of ease and servants. Siddhartha notices this and tries to give the best he had for his beloved son, but all the love is not enough for the little kid.

The last thing Siddhartha wanted for his son was him being unhappy, so he did everything he could. Vasudeva helped him be realistic, that the kid was being punished just because he didn't have what he wanted. When Siddhartha wanted to speak with his son, the boy only insulted him because he didn't love Siddhartha. In the morning, the kid was gone, and all the money was gone too. The ferry was on the other side of the river, Siddhartha realized that the kid escaped to the city, he tried to chase him, but he gave up and returned to the river.

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Siddhartha's son ran away leaving Siddhartha depressed. He didn't understand why everybody except him, could have a son that loved him and to love. He looked at all men, they have so many flaws. Looking at them all flaws start to disappear they were perfect for him. He met with an extraordinary but there was something special, he was more than a man for him. Siddhartha looked him as a god, the most amazing thing. Vasudeva and Siddhartha noticed he arrived to perfection. While they were looking at the river they got some flashbacks showing Siddhartha's past. Siddhartha saw his dad, his mom, his son and his wife. When he heard everybody's voice they were all the same.



GOVINDA

Govinda wanted to see the famous ferryman, but when he got there, he noticed that the ferryman was his old friend Siddhartha. He stayed that night with him. The next morning Govinda asked him to tell him something helpful, and he said that he saw a rock that will transform to a flower, but he just saw a rock. Govinda asked for more things, and the ferryman kissed him on the forehead and he understood that Siddhartha has reached to enlightenment.

